

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for making acrylic polyols from allylic alcohols is disclosed. The process is performed essentially in the absence of styrene and in the absence of methyl acrylate or methacrylate. It comprises initially charging a reactor with an allylic alcohol, 0-75% of the total amount to be used of an acrylic monomer, and 0-100% of the total amount to be used of a free-radical initiator. The reaction mixture is heated to a temperature within the range of about 100°C to about 250°C. The remaining acrylic monomer and initiator are gradually added into the reactor during the course of polymerization. The monomer conversion is greatly enhanced as a result of using essentially no styrene.